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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE AND SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH:

On June 8, 2004, this Board approved the County entering into a partnership on a joint energy efficiency program with Southern California Edison (SCE) and the Southern California Gas Company (SCG). The program is administered and funded by a grant that the County received from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). One important goal of the County and utility companies partnership is to identify better ways for local governments and public agencies throughout the Southern California region to achieve energy efficiency.

Local governments are an important part of the effort to promote energy efficiency.

Currently, the State is developing policies and programs that deal with funding, project financing, conservation efforts, energy procurement, and other elements of energy management. These policies and programs will impact local governments and agencies. Their involvement in the process is critical. The County, because of its size, its current energy management program, and its ability to reach out to other local governments and agencies is well positioned to help lead this effort.

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The County and our partner utility companies have prepared a survey questionnaire for local governments and public agencies within the County boundaries to assess how the energy management needs of these entities may be better met. In addition to the survey, a series of interviews with customers and other public agency energy efficiency providers will be conducted. With this information, the County and utility companies will develop recommendations for energy efficiency projects and enhanced energy management processes for local governments and public agencies in Southern California. Also, the County will host a one-day energy workshop for local governments and agencies to include presentations from key energy policy makers and regulators in the State. At the energy workshop, the results of the survey, interviews, and recommendations will be reviewed and discussed with the participants.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors authorize ISD to send a 5 signature letter to the cities within Los Angeles County, the Counties served by our local gas and electric utilities, and selected Agencies within the County, to request that local governments and agencies complete the energy survey and attend the one-day energy workshop hosted by the County.

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